

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A carrying apparatus comprising:

a traveling vehicle,

a mast extending vertically from the traveling vehicle, and

a platform that elevates and lowers along the mast,

~~the device being characterized in that~~ wherein the traveling vehicle comprises traveling driving means for driving wheels, and elevation driving means for elevating and lowering the platform, [[and]]

wherein both driving means are arranged so that a longitudinal direction of both driving means is ~~almost~~ parallel with a direction in which the traveling vehicle runs, and

wherein the traveling driving means and the elevation driving means are arranged below a bottom of the mast.

2. (Currently Amended) A carrying apparatus according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the traveling driving means and the elevation driving means are arranged ~~below the mast~~ and so as not to project from a front or rear end of the traveling vehicle in a side view.

3. (Currently Amended) A carrying apparatus according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~  
wherein the traveling vehicle further comprises a pair of frames spaced at a predetermined distance from each other and a connecting member that connects both frames together, and

wherein wheels are arranged between the pair of frames in the front and rear, respectively, of the traveling vehicle, traveling driving means being connected to each wheel, an elevating pulley for the platform being arranged between the front and rear wheels, the elevation driving means being connected to the elevating pulley, the traveling driving means and elevation driving means being arranged outside the respective frames.

4. (Currently Amended) A carrying apparatus according to Claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~  
wherein the traveling vehicle further comprises a pair of frames spaced at a predetermined distance from each other and a connecting member that connects both frames together, and

wherein wheels are arranged between the pair of frames in the front and rear, respectively, of the traveling vehicle, traveling driving means being connected to each wheel, an elevating pulley for the platform being arranged between the front and rear wheels, the elevation driving means being connected to the elevating pulley, the traveling driving means and elevation driving means being arranged outside the respective frames.

5. (Currently Amended) A carrying apparatus according to Claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~  
wherein a bottom of the platform can be housed between the pair of frames.

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6. (Currently Amended) A carrying apparatus according to Claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~  
wherein mast supporting members project outward from each ~~[[the]]~~ respective ~~frames~~ frame  
constituting the pair of frames, and the mast is arranged above the frames and mast supporting  
members.

7. (Currently Amended) A carrying apparatus according to Claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~  
wherein the traveling driving means and the elevation driving means are arranged inside an outer  
surface of the mast in a plan view.